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given to those elements that will provide the greatest access, in the following order:

- (i) An accessible entrance;
- (ii) An accessible route to the altered area;
- (iii) At least one accessible restroom for each sex or a single unisex restroom;
- (iv) Accessible telephones;
- (v) Accessible drinking fountains; and
- (vi) When possible, additional accessible elements such as parking, storage, and alarms.

(h) *Series of smaller alterations.* (1) The obligation to provide an accessible path of travel may not be evaded by performing a series of small alterations to the area served by a single path of travel if those alterations could have been performed as a single undertaking.

(2)(i) If an area containing a primary function has been altered without providing an accessible path of travel to that area, and subsequent alterations of that area, or a different area on the same path of travel, are undertaken within three years of the original alteration, the total cost of alterations to the primary function areas on that path of travel during the preceding three year period shall be considered in determining whether the cost of making that path of travel accessible is disproportionate.

(ii) Only alterations undertaken after January 26, 1992, shall be considered in determining if the cost of providing an accessible path of travel is disproportionate to the overall cost of the alterations.

§ 36.404 Alterations: Elevator exemption.

(a) This section does not require the installation of an elevator in an altered facility that is less than three stories or has less than 3,000 square feet per story, except with respect to any facility that houses a shopping center, a shopping mall, the professional office of a health care provider, a terminal, depot, or other station used for specified public transportation, or an airport passenger terminal.

(1) For the purposes of this section, *professional office of a health care pro-*

vider means a location where a person or entity regulated by a State to provide professional services related to the physical or mental health of an individual makes such services available to the public. The facility that houses a *professional office of a health care provider* only includes floor levels housing by at least one health care provider, or any floor level designed or intended for use by at least one health care provider.

(2) For the purposes of this section, *shopping center or shopping mall* means—

(i) A building housing five or more sales or rental establishments; or

(ii) A series of buildings on a common site, connected by a common pedestrian access route above or below the ground floor, that is either under common ownership or common control or developed either as one project or as a series of related projects, housing five or more sales or rental establishments. For purposes of this section, places of public accommodation of the types listed in paragraph (5) of the definition of *place of public accommodation* in § 36.104 are considered sales or rental establishments. The facility housing a *shopping center or shopping mall* only includes floor levels housing at least one sales or rental establishment, or any floor level designed or intended for use by at least one sales or rental establishment.

(b) The exemption provided in paragraph (a) of this section does not obviate or limit in any way the obligation to comply with the other accessibility requirements established in this subpart. For example, alterations to floors above or below the accessible ground floor must be accessible regardless of whether the altered facility has an elevator.

§ 36.405 Alterations: Historic preservation.

(a) Alterations to buildings or facilities that are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*), or are designated as historic under State or local law, shall comply to the maximum extent feasible with section 4.1.7 of appendix A to this part.

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(b) If it is determined under the procedures set out in section 4.1.7 of appendix A that it is not feasible to provide physical access to an historic property that is a place of public accommodation in a manner that will not threaten or destroy the historic significance of the building or facility, alternative methods of access shall be provided pursuant to the requirements of subpart C of this part.

§ 36.406 Standards for new construction and alterations.

(a) New construction and alterations subject to this part shall comply with the standards for accessible design published as appendix A to this part (ADAAG).

(b) The chart in the appendix to this section provides guidance to the user in reading appendix A to this part (ADAAG) together with subparts A through D of this part, when determining requirements for a particular facility.

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This chart has no effect for purposes of compliance or enforcement. It does not necessarily provide complete or mandatory information.

	Subparts A–D	ADAAG
Application, General	36.102(b)(3): public accommodations	1, 2, 3, 4.1.1.
	36.102(c): commercial facilities	
	36.102(e): public entities	
	36.103 (other laws)	
	36.401 (“for first occupancy”)	
	36.402(a) (alterations)	
Definitions	36.104: commercial facilities, facility, place of public accommodation, private club, public accommodation, public entity, religious entity.	3.5 Definitions, including: addition, alteration, building, element, facility, space, story.
	36.401(d)(1)(ii), 36.404(a)(2): shopping center or shopping mall	4.1.6(j), technical infeasibility.
	36.401(d)(1)(i), 36.404(a)(1): professional office of a health care provider.	
	36.402: alteration; usability	
	36.402(c): to the maximum extent feasible	
New Construction:	36.401(a) General	4.1.2.
General	36.401(b) Commercial facilities in private residences	4.1.3.
	36.207 Places of public accommodation in private residences ..	
Work Areas		4.1.1(3).
Structural Impracticability	36.401(c)	4.1.1(5)(a).
Elevator Exemption	36.401(d)	4.1.3(5).
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Other Exceptions		4.1.1(5), 4.1.3(5) and throughout.
Alterations: General	36.401(b): commercial facilities in private residences.	
	36.402	4.1.6(1).
	36.403	4.1.6(2).
Alterations Affecting an Area Containing A Primary Function; Path of Travel; Disproportionality.		
Alterations: Special Technical Provisions.		4.1.6(3).
Additions	36.401–36.405	4.1.5.
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Libraries		8.
Transient Lodging (Hotels, Homeless Shelters, Etc.)		9.
Transportation Facilities		10.

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